

What's A Computer Good For?

There's a saying, "Guns don't kill people, disgruntled postal workers kill people." (My apologies to our wonderful local postal workers). Computers tend to fall into the same category as guns when it comes to their usage. Computers are merely tools that can be used for any task, good or bad, depending on the intentions of the user.

I have an elderly friend here in town who uses his computer almost exclusively to study the Bible. Most of my customers use their PCS to do work, play games or balance their bank accounts. Computers are so versatile and can be put to such good use. However, it is startling to read the statistics of how computers are used. For example:

- More than 60% of companies have disciplined - and more than 30% have terminated - employees for inappropriate use of the Internet.
- 70% of employees admit to viewing or sending adult-oriented personal e-mail at work
- 37% of employees report that they search for jobs, 45% make travel arrangements, and 11% play online games while at work.

However, it is encouraging to know that there are some really useful applications for the internet. I would like to share just a couple of those with you. First, go to <http://teraserver-usa.com/place.aspx> and type in Dimmitt, TX and hit Go then select either Aerial Photo. Pretty neat, huh?

Next lets go to <http://movies.yahoo.com> and type in 79027 into the Browse by Location box and hit Go! This one's pretty handy when you want to know what's showing where and when or just want to know more details about a specific movie.

Another great use of a computer is e-mail - instant worldwide communication. I would like everyone that reads my column to drop me a note at frankm@amaonline.com so I can get a feel of how many readers actually look at my column. Any comments or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.